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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS."**

1 In line 11, strike "both English and Spanish" and insert "the official
2 language of the state pursuant to section 501 of this act"

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The official language of
6 the state shall be English. Neither the state nor any political
7 subdivision of the state shall require by ordinance, regulation, order,
8 program or policy the use in the state of any language other than
9 English. Governmental officials and employees shall be bound by the
10 provisions of this section during the performance of government
11 business. No governmental document shall be valid, effective or
12 enforceable unless it is printed in the English language. The state and
13 all political subdivisions of the state shall take all reasonable steps to
14 preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language as the
15 official language of the state.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
17 the state and political subdivisions of the state may act in a language
18 other than English to (1) assist students who are not proficient in the
19 English language by providing educational instruction in languages
20 other than English to provide as rapid as possible a transition to
21 English, (2) provide foreign language instruction as part of a required
22 or voluntary education curriculum, (3) allow for Latin on the state seal
23 and on government documents, (4) allow legislators to communicate
24 with constituents in languages other than English, (5) comply with
25 federal laws, (6) protect public health and safety, and (7) protect the
26 rights of criminal defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this
27 subsection shall prohibit the printing of proper names."